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University budget deficit slowly increases

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Winona State University's chief financial officer Scott Ellinghuysen shared news of the school's \$1.6 million budget deficit for this school year two weeks ago through an email to faculty. Ellinghuysen said the school

could face an even worse budget next year, totaling up to a worst-case-scenario amount of \$5 million. If the deficit grows to that amount, it would take up 5% of the school's \$100 million budget. Ellinghuysen explained the deficit occurred due to a combination of factors including a

decline in enrollment over the last seven to eight years, but that the largest contributor was the expense of university employment. "Our biggest expense is people," Ellinghuysen said. Ellinghuysen explained salary settlements, among other financial dealings the university has, are all negotiated through different unions

on campus. The school then takes that dollar amount and compares it to the rest of the funding it has, whether from tuition or from the state, to see what the differential is. This year, the differential has confirmed a deficit.

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From 1987-97, the Minnesota House of Representatives met outside of St. Paul 14 times for what are referred to as "mini sessions." For 22 years, this has not been seen, but Oct 2-4, Minnesota was able to see the resurgence of a mini-session. The Minnesota House of Representatives last met in Winona in September 1989, and 22 years later when Representative Gene Pelowski proposed the idea of bringing a session back to southeast Minnesota, the House was not opposed.

Oct. 1, the night before the session kicked off in Austin, Minnesota, Pelowski explained that the session was important because it would give the representatives a chance to listen to the locals. "The purpose is to listen to people, on site, not lobbies, not government relations people. The people that do not have the ability to come to St. Paul, and we need to hear from them in two areas. We need to hear how well the previous session went, and then we need to hear from them on what we need to do for next session," Pelowski said. Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman further explained that aside from hearing the people, a lot more happens when the Representatives get on a bus and travel outside of St. Paul. "We [get to see] it with our own eyes. How certain funding programs become a fixture in



For the first time in 22 years, the Minnesota House of Representatives traveled to Southeast Minnesota for a host of mini-sessions in Winona and the surrounding area Oct. 2-4. The ways and means committee met at city hall on Friday, Oct. 4 as a part of these mini-sessions to discuss budgetary concerns with local organizations who receive funding from the state.

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certain communities, like the Education Village or the Composite Engineering program. To see it, and how those investments become central to a community," Hortman said. There were two things that Winona State University President Scott Olson claims are important to students in this mini session. The first claim had to do with university funding as a whole, and the second related to a proposal the university wanted to make to build the first geothermal heated building in the state university system, a proposal still in its infancy. Olson said it is important for lawmakers to know that affordability is important to students. "[We want] to just let the legislature know that we need their help and that it's important to our students to have high quality

programs and it's important to our students that its affordable to them," Olson said. The importance of speaking to the representatives about funding is to ensure Winona State can continue to have high quality programs and low tuition. The mini-session was not structured to only hear from the city of Winona or Winona State students, the representatives also visited various areas in Southeast Minnesota, including Rochester and Austin. Winona State, however, was able to host a variety of House Committees pertaining to both higher education and some issues in Winona as a whole. Thursday, Oct. 3, Winona State hosted the Minnesota State House of Representatives Higher Education Committee in the new Education Village, a project that

was funded several years ago by many of the same representatives. After a tour of Education Village, representatives got to hear from three Winona State students as they testified on their experiences thus far at Winona State. Denise McDowell, vice president for enrollment management and student life, said students Mercedes Williams, Jalen Crum and Ahmitara Alwal shared their experiences with the representatives. "They shared with them where they were from, what they were majoring in, when they will graduate and what their experience at Winona State was like; [especially in regards to] the types of services they have had access to," McDowell said.

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Soccer wins two at home

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Winona State University's women's soccer team played two games at home this weekend, winning both in shutouts. The team's first game was Friday, Oct. 4 against Northern State University, where they won 2-0. According to Head Coach Matt Kellogg, the team did well in figuring out Northern State's playing style. He said on film Northern State was showing a few different styles but the players were able to quickly figure out how they were playing and adjust to it.

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Facebook group rocks Winona County

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An unusual thing has been spreading joy around the town of Winona. While it seems odd, the town of Winona and the surrounding areas have taken a liking to painted rocks scattered about the city. Starting a few years back, the "Winona County Rocks" Facebook page was started by Sunshine McKenzie. McKenzie had seen other cities do rock hunts and wanted to start one in Winona and the surrounding areas as well. "I decided not to leave it just in Winona because Winona itself is kind of little and I thought, well, you know, we've got Minnesota City and Goodview, and so I thought why not [Winona] County," McKenzie said. "That



The "Winona County Rocks" Facebook group paints and hides rocks around Winona. People who find the rocks are encouraged to share the photo to the page and either keep or relocate the rock for someone else to find. way it gives people that are out of the city limits a chance" In years past the rock hunt has not been as popular, but starting this year, the group grew in size

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and the activity grew in popularity as colorful rocks have been popping up all over town.

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McDowell further explained that because the students only had three minutes, they needed to prepare an elevator speech, asking themselves what they would want the representatives to take away from their message.

McDowell said the takeaway from their message appeared to be similar.

“[Their takeaways were] the enormous amount of services that we have here at Winona State and that students need to plug into them because not only do we have phenomenal academic programs, we have support services that keep you on track during moments of discouragement,” McDowell said.

Throughout their testimony, Williams, Crum and Alwal made numerous shout-outs to services here on campus including the Warrior Success Center, KEAP, The African American Students Association, the College of Liberal Arts, the College of Business, athletics and the financial aid office, among others.

The important point the students wanted to emphasize was that not only are they there when you are doing well, but they are there for you when things get tough and can be used as a fallback.

McDowell explained how honored the students were to be able to tell their stories



Members of the House of Representatives listen to Winona Area Public Schools School Board Chair Nancy Denzer speak about the importance of fully funding public education during a mini-session at city hall. The committee heard testimonials from several local groups who receive funding from the state, and many of these testimonials came from members of the education community.

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to the Minnesota House of Representatives, and that they were shocked to be trusted with such an experience.

Senior political science major Mercedes Williams explained how grateful she was.

“I am very grateful to have had the opportunity to testify to the members of the Higher Education Committee in the House of Representatives,” Williams said. “It was an amazing experience and I look forward to seeing change within our higher education system.”

Representative and chairman of the K-12 Education Finance Committee, Jim Davnie, touched on what he and his committee took

away from their time in Winona State’s Education Village.

Davnie first elaborated on how impressed the representatives were of the flexibility of the classrooms in the new Education Village and of Winona State’s growing Teacher Education Program.

“You can reconfigure it to better reflect that education is less of the teacher in the front of the classroom lecturing for an hour to the students in the rows. There are a lot of collaborative spaces in there” Davnie said. “There is great use of existing resources, so it’s economical, good finance, [and] maintains some of the charm of Winona.”

Post session, Hortman

explained how she and the other representatives felt the mini-session went.

“Most people would say it was a success. What I am hearing from members is that they’ve learned a lot from the community and what we’ve heard from the community is that they are really grateful that we were here. They appreciate that instead of them getting in the car and driving up to St. Paul, we got in the car and drove down to Winona,” Hortman said.

The beauty of these mini-sessions, Hortman explained, is that because the representatives are not making decisions or debating during their time at the mini-sessions, the partisanship of the members takes a backseat and the members all sit together to listen to the concerns, comments and praises of the community members.

“The normal partisan behavior in the capital is then at a minimum. When representatives get on a bus and go somewhere together, the party labels melt away a little bit” Hortman said.

Overall, the general consensus from the representatives was that the first off-site session in 22 years was a success that provided the representatives with plenty of insight and learning opportunities to bring back with them to St. Paul.



Ruth Charles, a professor of social work at Winona State University and IV-E Coordinator, speaks to the Minnesota House of Representatives ways and means committee during a mini-session at city hall on Friday, Oct. 4.

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Student Senate discusses homecoming



The Winona State University Student Senate met on Wednesday, Oct. 2 to discuss Homecoming events and safety. Tracy Rahim, associate director of student activities and leadership, informed the Senate about the various events going on around campus for the upcoming week. She talked about crowning royalty, Winona’s Got Talent and the Winona Clean Sweep. Officer Anita Sebotta of the Winona Police Department spoke to Senate about the safety factor of Homecoming. Sebotta said the department wants every participant to have fun but in a safe way. The Senate was updated on the success of the food drive that was also a competition between Winona State and University of Minnesota: Mankato. Though Winona State did not beat Mankato, there was about 200 dollars raised and 453 food items.

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The school receives state funding on a biennial basis, a 2-year cycle of money. Ellinghuysen said there is typically less money to be spent in the second year of that cycle, which contributed to the lack of funding. In the email announcement Ellinghuysen sent out to faculty regarding the budget situation, he stated there would be “one-time budget maneuvers” made to deal with the deficit, as well as considerations of a change in tuition. The email regarding the university’s financial situation and details of change in tuition, campus-wide forums and exact deficit numbers was not sent to students. The university has different emailing lists, including an all-university and an all-employment list. “I’m not sure which one it was sent to,” Ellinghuysen said. “It was probably sent to the all-employees list.” Ellinghuysen went on to say there was no reason the email did

not get sent to students and that it was a mistake. The mistake has not been corrected and further information from the school regarding the deficit has yet to be emailed to students. Student Senate, the recognized voice for all students at Winona State, is heavily involved in budget processes at the school and provides input on tuition rates among numerous other things. However, Student Senate was not aware of the email announcement being sent out. “It is difficult to give my opinion without having seen the email,” Ben Ellgen, Student Senate president, said. “We have been in ongoing conversations about the status of the budget over the last three months.” Ellgen also said Student Senate voted against the increase in tuition last year, although that increase still occurred. “I cannot speak for the Senate without a motion of support or opposition, but I would highly expect that representatives will continue to advocate for affordability and keeping tuition as low as possible,” Ellgen said. Ellinghuysen said campus wide budget forums will be set up to share information and ask

questions. It is unclear what dates the forums will be set on but should occur sometime this fall. Ellgen said Student Senate will be participating in the forums, once announced and will continue to ensure that things like student programs and work study are kept in place. Ellinghuysen said he will share further information on the budget deficit as it becomes known. It is unclear if that information will be shared with students or not. During last year’s legislative session, a decision to increase this year’s tuition by 3% was made. Ellinghuysen said while the Minn. State board has not given the school guidance regarding a rise in tuition for next year, there is a chance of another 3% raise. “Zero [percent] would be great for students, but it wouldn’t help our budget, so that’s the push-and-pull there,” Ellinghuysen said. These increases in tuition are something that could deeply impact current and future students. Winona State boasts a reputation of affordability: “it’s not that bad. And we’ll do everything in our power to make it even more affordable,” the school states on its website. Yet, the budget situation and potential tuition increase could rival that.

The “one-time budget maneuvers” mentioned could include dipping into extra unspent money in equipment or other university accounts, according to Ellinghuysen. Potential faculty layoffs were not mentioned as one of the maneuvers the school would utilize to offset the deficit. “I think it’s premature to say what would happen, those conversations haven’t really happened yet,” Ellinghuysen said. “We’re setting the parameters and figuring out what the deficit might look like.” The university’s financial struggle could have a rippling impact as it is a major economic source for the city of Winona. Winona State has nearly 500 faculty members, 8,000 students and generates \$447.9 million in economic impact, as found on the university website through a 2018 study. Ellinghuysen said that first-year enrollment has remained steady, but an increase in spring enrollment could help the situation. Ellinghuysen is hopeful that state legislature will approve additional funding to help the budget deficit.

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Unknown A bike was stolen from the East Lake Apartments building D bike rack. This incident is a closed incident.	Unknown Damage to a parked vehicle’s windshield occurred in the Maria Hall parking lot. The incident was referred to the Winona Police Department.	No Incident	No Incident	No Incident	No Incident	Unknown A parked vehicle’s windshield was damaged and the vehicle had a dent in Silver Parking lot number 32. The incident was referred to the Winona Police Department.

Horoscopes

Week of October 9

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Libra (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Slow down today. You’ve been rushing through life, take time to breathe and recuperate.	Capricorn (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Work hard to get what you want today. You’ll soon see the light at the end of the tunnel.	Aries (March 21 to April 19) You’re very influential today. Remember, with great power comes great responsibility.	Cancer (June 21 to July 22) Give yourself the freedom of trial and error today. Find which way of working is the best for you.
Scorpio (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Take responsibility for your actions today. It will help you heal and move on.	Aquarius (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Empower yourself today! Being yourself gives you the truest freedom.	Taurus (April 20 to May 20) You are full of positivity and warmth today. Share this energy with friends.	Leo (July 23 to Aug. 22) Take time to resolve personal conflicts today. Take them as lessons learned.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Take your recent failures as learning experiences. Allow yourself to fail and get right back up.	Pisces (Feb. 19 to March 20) Today may be rough for you. Don’t fear, better times are coming.	Gemini (May 21 to June 20) Take time to be alone today. Enjoy this time with yourself!	Virgo (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Forgive your past self today. It will aid in your healing process.

Winona hosts sports medicine conference



Undergraduate and graduate students from Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota attended the Northland American College of Sports Medicine fall conference on Oct. 3 - 4 in East Room. The conference included presentations, exhibits and meet and greets with experts in different medical fields related to sports medicine.

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Winona State University hosted the Northland American College of Sports Medicine fall conference on Oct. 3 - 4.

The conference was attended by undergraduate and graduate students in Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Day one of the conference was centered around Exercise is Medicine on campus (EIMOC), while the second day of the conference focused on different methods of exercise training.

EIMOC is a program from ACSM that encourages universities and colleges to promote physical activity.

Speakers for the conference included professionals such as physical trainers, medical doctors, chiropractors, etc.

Erin White, associate professor in the health, exercise and rehabilitative sciences program, said a new section of the conference started this year.

“At the conference this year, there was a meet the expert session for the first time,” White said. “Students had the opportunity to meet with professionals in a small group to ask questions at a deeper level and get more explanations

than they would have from presentations.”

The conference benefited more than just the students who attended.

“For faculty, [they learned] about different training methods, what they can bring back to the classroom and how that might alter what they suggest [for clients] or how they might teach based on current recommendations,” White said.

The conference gave students the opportunity to network with members of the exercise science field and expand their education.

Katie Hanson, senior exercise science major, said her experience with the conference was amazing.

“I’ve been always pretty excited and looking forward to going into that field and helping people reach their goals. [After what was covered in] the meetings I’m so much more excited to start implementing the things we learned and actually be able to use this experience in my field, and let people know the science behind it,” Hanson said.

ACSM focuses on continuing the education of those in the field.

“That’s what this whole ACSM thing is for, to continue education,” Hanson said. “It’s never done, which scares a lot of people, but people in this field get really excited about that.”

Security and Fire reported explained

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Winona State University Security Services released the 2019 Annual Security and Fire Safety Report to students on Sept. 27.

The Security and Fire Safety Report contains statistics from the previous three years.

Chris Cichosz, director of security at Winona State, said the university only reports on the previous three years, as the current year is not finished yet.

“When we request crime statistics, it’s not just the information that [the university] knows, it’s also the information that the local law enforcement would know as well,” Cichosz said. “They don’t have their final [numbers] until the end of the year. Crime statistics are always a year late, but the policies in the report are the current ones from the university.”

The report also contains policies that the university follows for issues related to security and also how to notify members of the Winona State community if an emergency occurs.

The report is only specific to the areas that the university owns or controls. These include Main Campus, West Campus, East Lake Apartments, Rochester campuses and other properties.

Off-campus crimes are not included in the reports.

Groups that collect statistics for the report include Winona State security, Housing and Resident Life, Student Conduct and local law enforcement.

According to Cichosz, these statistics are not used to decrease

campus crime, they are used to analyze university policies. New policies that were deemed effective are added to the report to be used in upcoming years.

“Every year we look over the policies and procedures at the university and find out if they’ve changed. We also look for if the university has new things that have improved, and some of our emergency functions and university safety features,” Cichosz said.

Winona State is required to send out the Security and Fire Safety Report due to the Clery Act, which was enacted in 1990.

Jeanne Clery, the woman whom the act is named after, was raped and murdered in her residence hall at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. After Clery’s death, it became known that there had been 38 violent crimes in the past three years at the university. These crimes had not previously been made known to university students and their families.

Clery’s parents advocated for laws that required disclosure of such information. They said that if they had known about the violent crimes taking place at Lehigh University, perhaps they would not have allowed their daughter to attend and she would still be alive today.

Cichosz elaborated on the Clery family’s advocating for disclosure of these statistics.

“They felt it was important that other parents or students, or even employees of universities and other institutions of higher education have this information,” Cichosz said. “How safe is the campus? Having that in mind, [officials] came up with the Jeanne Clery act.”



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Great Reading River Series brings poet to campus

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Crystal Spring Gibbins presented poems from her most recent book “Now/Here” on Thursday, Oct. 3 as part of the John S. Lucas Great Reading River Series.

Gibbins presented in Professor James Armstrong’s poetry writing class, as well as a public reading in the library’s Athenaeum space.

Her presentation for Armstrong’s class left her feeling energized and ready for her larger presentation.

“Students [in Armstrong’s class] had really good questions. They also wrote poems that imitated ones from my book,” Gibbins said.

She said she experienced a tinge of nervousness when she thought about the reading series, but she was excited to share more poems.

“It’s all about gauging the audience and picking which poems to read to see how well it will be received,” Gibbins said.

She began her reading with an autobiographical poem titled “1997: Baudette, MN”, which she described as a list of things that happened to her during that year.

She went into a poem titled “Blizzards 1996-1997” that she said was inspired by Patricia Smith’s hurricane poem from her book “Blood Dazzler”.

Gibbins then looped back to a poem that she wrote for Armstrong’s advanced poetry



Crystal Spring Gibbins signs her book “Now/Here” during a meet and greet with students after finishing a reading session at the Darrell W. Krueger Library on Thursday, Oct. 3.

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writing class called “Touring the Natural History Museum.”

While she has spent many years writing poetry, geology was her initial focus. She was required to take a writing course that was more expository-based writing during her undergraduate years. That class, according to Gibbins, changed her whole career outlook.

“Writers and poets play an important, meaningful role in considering and determining the ways we shape the world and create awareness,” Gibbins said.

Her inspiration is drawn from her love of the outdoors and nostalgia-filled places, as well as environmental issues and current

events. Writing poetry for Gibbins is about personal reflections and a cathartic way to find her purpose in the world.

Although choosing a favorite piece of work can be challenging for any writer, Gibbins said that the poem “Driving North” was one she her audiences could connect with the most. The poem is about Gibbins’ drives home that give her time to recharge and find solace.

Megan Martin attended the reading from Elizabeth Oness’s creative writing class and enjoyed Gibbins’ themes of environmental awareness and nostalgia.

“I feel grounded in nature, and her poems helped with my

appreciation for it.” Martin said.

She connected with Gibbins’ ideas that coming home after having time for personal growth allows people to miss where they’re from.

As for Jacelyn Schley, a junior in Armstrong’s poetry class, she found Gibbins’ reading to be helpful for her own work.

“Writing poems that were inspired by Gibbins was helpful because she’s established as a poet and she’s modern,” Schley said.

The next speaker from the John S. Lucas Great Reading River series will be Professor Laura Jean Baker Oct. 21.

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“The [Facebook] group has got over 1,000 people now, but I would say there’s maybe at this point in time, maybe a good 25 to 50 people that are actively involved,” McKenzie said.

The Facebook page is filled with people sharing images of rocks they found, posting hints or pictures to help people find the rocks, and people sharing fun stories about their experience with the rock hunt.

Many members of the community are involved and joining in on the fun. One community member, Elise Johnson, said they have been a part of the group for at least a year but just recently started painting rocks and participating more.

“I am now completely addicted,” Johnson said. “My favorite part is when you see a post where it has totally made a person’s day, simply because they found a painted rock.”

Painting and hiding rocks is more than just a fun game for some people.

Cardinal of Minnesota employee Lydia Flanagan has clients who have benefitted from rock painting, hiding and finding.

“My client is nonverbal, and to watch her creativity and imagination speak through art while also engaging with her housemate who is excited to hide them and be active in the community is not only a win-win but is a priceless gift to us and the community,” Flanagan said.

Flanagan said her clients and coworkers have been painting rocks for about a year now and she has enjoyed seeing the difference

the rock hunt has made for some of the people she works with.

“My favorite part is how much joy it brings to the community,” Flanagan said. “The world can be tough, so if a simple painted rock can bring a smile to a person, that makes my heart flutter and is why we will continue to do it.”

Rock Hunt is fairly new to community members Rachel Baures and Katie Pehler-LeGere, the Winona Community. Just joining in on the fun with their families, they have both had success in getting children outside and sparking their creativity.

“This activity seems to get people creating things and sharing new ideas, but it also gives parents and kids a chance to do something together, get outside and sharing pictures has seemed to make some connections within the community,” Pehler-LeGere said.

Baures also enjoys the aspect of

spending time outside and bringing the community together.

“I like that this group brings people together and gets people outside,” Baures said. “Our family has really gotten into it; we’ve painted and hid about 40 since my seven-year-old stumbled upon a painted rock. Kids finding rocks are just adorable.”

Community member Kristi Bedor has spread the fun and the rocks far from the Winona County Rocks page with her family.

“We were going on a vacation and my kids and I hid 50 rocks all over along the way,” Bedor said. “Three people found our rocks and shared on Winona County Rocks, one of the rocks made it to Italy.”

Winona County may be small, but it is making a big, colorful impact beyond the county’s limits.

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THIS WEEK IN WINONA

Wednesday, October 9	Thursday, October 10	Friday, October 11	Saturday, October 12	Sunday, October 13	Monday, October 14	Tuesday, October 15
Homecoming Spirit Week - Free Slushie	Media Speaker Series- Dan Bailey	Homecoming Club Fair and Pepfest	Game Day Experience	Homecoming Clean Sweep	Paws and Destress: Aiden the Therapy Dog	Resume Rush
12 p.m. - Gazebo	6 p.m. - Gildemeister 155	11 a.m - 2 p.m. - Gazebo	11 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Johnson Street	3 p.m. - Gazebo	4 - 5 p.m. - IWC Relaxation Room 267	9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Maxwell 314
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Film in review: “Joker” by Todd Phillips

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Joker, directed by Todd Phillips and starring Joaquin Phoenix as Arthur Fleck/Joker, tells a truly compelling tale of the story of how the joker came to be, and of a man that society abandons who turns into a criminal mastermind. However, I feel that this film is not ready for an audience quite yet. The joker is such an interesting character that it was hard to put into words how I felt about it. For most of the film, it was hard to watch a man with a serious mental illness be treated like garbage by his peers and the society around him. However, I had to keep reminding myself what he turned into- a serial murderer.

You have to go into this film with a completely open mind, because you want to feel sympathy for this man, but also does that



The Winonan’s film reporter rates “Joker” 4.5/5

mean you condone what he does? This film does seem like it infers that mental illness leads to violence, or that abuse as a young child leads to mental illness, which then eventually leads to violence. However, as an audience member watching the collapse of one man, it doesn’t mean everyone will end up the same way. I do recommend a bit of caution while watching, as strong mixed feelings will arise.

On a different note, Joaquin Phoenix did a stellar job playing this role. It is not easy playing a

role that was meant for a now dead man (Heath Ledger), but he did it with such elegance. This character has such a signature laugh that we now get the origin of, and he definitely did it justice. This film was so compelling yet conflicting because Phoenix played the character so well. Not many people want to watch a film with a main character that you cannot feel for at all.

I had an interesting perspective on this film having never seen any of the Batman films or early

cartoons. I knew the premise of who the Joker was from social media and friends, but I never truly understood why he did what he did and what made him become the joker. So, only getting this plot line and origin story was cool as in I am very conflicted on how to feel about the character, but it makes me excited to watch what came before and see if my thoughts are solidified or further questioned.

Overall, this film has amazing cinematography, casting and storyline. This is a cinephile’s dream to watch a film that they can debate about things other than it was good or bad. However, instead they can debate the ethical dilemma that precedes the film and what might the director have wanted people to get out of it.

I give this film a 4.5 out of 5 because it makes you think, it has amazing casting, editing, cinematography and much more.



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Daniel Kirk: a profile on the new education dean

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Fresh from teaching and travelling around the world, Daniel Kirk assumed the role of Dean of the College of Education for Winona State University on July 8.

Arriving on the eve of the unveiling of Education Village, Kirk was excited for many reasons to join Winona State.

“There’s not many institutions across the country that put education at the forefront of their strategic planning,” Kirk said. “We are really saying that teacher education is a key part of our mission as a university.”

Aside from the sense of community he felt among the students, he also felt community within his own staff.

“I’ve worked at large research institutions with 35,000-40,000 students in colleges where you don’t know the people down the hallway,” Kirk said. “I like the fact that Winona was big enough to have the opportunities and growth we would need, but it is still personable. You still know folks.”

Kirk, who is from England, grew up wanting to be in the army. However, upon graduation, the army informed him that they wanted him to get a college degree first. Kirk went to school and studied English literature, then decided to get a post-graduate degree in teaching. Through this, Kirk got to travel the world.

After teaching middle and high

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- Daniel Kirk, Dean of the College of Education

school language arts in the United Kingdom, Kirk travelled to France, Bermuda, Dubai and various places in North America. During this time, he earned his doctorate at the University of Georgia, which is where he became interested in research and teacher preparation. Kirk’s experience in other places gave him appreciation for how culture plays into the classroom.

“Everywhere is the same and everywhere is different,” Kirk said. “They might look different, sound different, be from different cultures, but at the end of the day, learning happens the same way.”

After earning his doctorate, Kirk moved from being an assistant professor, to full professor, to department chair and finally to Dean in both Oregon and outside Dubai. His and his wife’s desire to come back to the United States is what led them to Winona State.

Kirk said he is looking forward

to seeing what exactly he can bring to the university. Within the year, he plans to gather all education professors and come up with a plan on where they want to be within five years. However, he does have some goals of his own already in place. Kirk wants to use the new Education Village facilities as a catalyst for educating teachers in a better, more informed way than ever before. He believes that places like Helble Hall, with flexible classrooms, technology and space to collaborate, Winona State can keep continuing to produce classroom-ready teachers.

Kirk also wants to be nationally known as one of the best colleges for teachers. In five years, he wants to be the national leader for teacher preparation in the country. Kirk also discussed the possibility of offering summer classes and professional development opportunities for teachers around

the country.

However, Kirk’s biggest goal for the university is in regard to teacher retention. As the national and global shortage of teachers increased, he realized that educators have no problem producing great teachers but fall short on the support they give them once they enter their own classroom. As of 2019, 50,000 people in Minnesota are licensed teachers not practicing in a classroom. He wants to change this, stating that support of new teachers is of the utmost importance, as the job is difficult.

“Any teacher who tells you that they didn’t go into the book cupboard and cry during their first year of teaching is lying to you,” Kirk said. “But keep hold of the reasons you went into teaching, and we as a university staff have a duty to support them.”

However high his goals are, it is clear the university staff support Kirk.

On May 29, Patricia Rogers, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, told the Winona State University News Blog just how excited she was for him to come to Winona State.

“Dr. Kirk will bring to WSU his clear vision, demonstrated success in leadership, and an international perspective with a deep understanding of preparing teachers for our global society,” Rogers said. “He is dedicated and knows that student success is inextricably bound to the success of our faculty.”

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Volleyball stays hot on the road

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Winona State University’s volleyball team finished a perfect road trip with two conference wins.

On Friday, Oct. 4, it was a battle each set for the Warriors, who swept No. 19 University of Sioux Falls on their home court in three straight sets.

The Warriors and Cougars went to extra points twice with Winona State taking the match by scores of 28-26, 25-17, and 28-26.

Saturday, Oct. 5, less than 24 hours later, the Warriors had yet another tough match against No. 8 Southwest Minnesota State University, but again swept the Mustangs in three straight sets.

Winona State defeated SMSU by scores of 25-21, 25-20, and 25-23.

The Warrior volleyball team is now just one win shy from last year’s total of 13 overall wins, improving to 12-2 overall and 4-2 in the NSIC.

“A win on the road to ranked teams was huge for our team,” head coach Joe Getzin said.

Getzin is not letting the early success get to him yet, though.

“It’s a long season, I like the spot we are in. There’s still a lot of work ahead, and we need to keep building as a team,” Getzin said.

Leading the way for the Warriors this weekend between both wins was junior Megan Flom and sophomore Madison Rizner with 28 and 19 kills, respectively.

Junior Bre Maloney was also on her game, assisting her teammates 74 times over both matches.

Defensively for the Warriors, Flom shut things down with nine blocks, and junior Becca Pagel was all over the court with 26 digs.

When talking about the keys this weekend for the Warriors against two ranked teams Getzin said that “this weekend the bench brought the energy every set,” and that was “huge” for the team’s success.

After spending their weekend on the road, the Warriors will return to play on their home court this weekend taking on Wayne State College and Augustana University.

“They are very good opponents, it will be important for us to execute on our side of the court” Getzin said.

The Warriors will take the court again Friday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, Oct. 12 starting at 5 p.m.

Soccer

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In previous interviews, Kellogg and players have said that the team had a mentality issue.

Kellogg said this mentality changed mostly because of the upperclassmen on the team.

“They just kind of rallied the troops if you will,” Kellogg said.

Courtney Wiencek, senior forward, said the captains met with the coaches to see what could change to get going this semester.

“We made some changes during practice and I think it made a really big difference for our team and hopefully we keep rolling going forward,” Wiencek said.

The game was dominated by the Warriors with a total of six shots on goal, while Northern State only had one.

The first goal of the game was scored by junior midfielder Missy Gregor and assisted by senior forward Courtney Wiencek.

The second goal was scored by sophomore Kara Schramel.

Both goals were scored in the first half of the game.

The second game was on Sunday, Oct. 6 against Minnesota State University: Moorhead which the Warriors won 2-0.



Junior Camryn Cadiz kicks the ball out of the way in mid-field during Sunday’s game. The Winona State Warriors won 2-0 against Minnesota State University Moorhead at Maxwell Field’s Altra Federal Credit Union Stadium. The game began at 1 p.m.

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The Warriors came out strong, scoring within the first minute of the game with a goal by senior midfielder Kendyl Keay, assisted by senior forward Courtney Wiencek.

“Today’s game went well based off the fact that we scored early and were able to build off our lead and post another shut out this weekend,” Wiencek said.

The second goal was scored in the second half by junior forward Georgette Topalis assisted by first-year forward Ellie Wardell.

The Warriors had four shots on goal while the Dragons had one.

The Moorhead game was also an aggressive one.

“Moorhead is just a physical team in general,” Wiencek said.

“Especially toward the end of the game I think it got more aggressive as we were trying to wind the clock down and they were trying to get a goal.”

Next week, the Warriors will return to the road for a game Friday Oct. 11 against Augustana University and then on Sunday verus Wayne State College.

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Football grabs first road win in Moorhead

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Winona State University’s football team bounced back this week and got their first road win against Minnesota State University-Moorhead, 28-26.

Another thing they improved on was scoring touchdowns.

Their first came when junior Isaiah Hall took the opening kickoff at 98 yards.

From there, both teams punted before the Dragons would get on the board with a field goal to make the score 7-3.

On the ensuing drive, junior quarterback Owen Burke hit junior receiver Tyler Anderson for a 54-yard gain which got the Warriors a 1st and goal from the ten.

Three plays later, Burke found junior receiver Jake Balliu for the touchdown to extend the lead.

The Dragons responded on their next possession with a touchdown of their own but they bobbled the

snap on the extra-point making it a score of 14-9.

Winona State would make another play on special teams when Balliu would take the following kickoff 54-yards to the Dragons 32.

The Warriors would turn this into three points.

Before the end of the half the Warriors added another field goal to make the halftime score 20-9.

Coming out of half the Dragons found momentum scoring a touchdown and a field goal on consecutive drives.

They also held Winona State scoreless in the third quarter.

The Warriors looked to answer back by grinding out a 11-play drive but once again they couldn’t punch it in, so they had to settle for a field goal.

This would make the score 23-18 early in the fourth quarter.

The Warriors would lose the lead after a 54-yard pass by the Dragons set up a touchdown and a successful two-point conversion.

Balliu fumbled the kickoff and

gave the Dragons possession deep in Warrior territory but, first-year linebacker Joe Perhats would get a much-needed interception.

Perhats would return the ball 46-yards and set up a potentially game-tying field goal but, the attempt was blocked.

The Winona State defense responded with a big play of their own, forcing a safety to pull within one late in the fourth quarter.

The Dragons had a short kick on the ensuing punt and Hall took it 29-yards to the Moorhead 24.

After two holding penalties forced the Warriors backwards on second down, Burke found Balliu for a 26-yard grab setting up the game winning 35-yard field by Oritz with 46 seconds left.

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SPORTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, October 9	Thursday, October 10	Friday, October 11	Saturday, October 12	Sunday, October 13	Monday, October 14	Tuesday, October 15
NO EVENTS THIS DAY	NO EVENTS THIS DAY	Soccer - 3 p.m. at Augustana University	Cross Country at Romeoville, Ill.	Soccer - 1 p.m. at Wayne State College	Men’s Golf at St. Albans, Mo.	Men’s Golf at St. Albans, Mo.
		Volleyball - 6 p.m. vs. Wayne State College	Football - 2 p.m. vs. Minot State University			Volleyball - 6 p.m. vs. Concordia University, St. Paul
			Volleyball - 5 p.m. vs. Augustana University			

Player Profile: Junior setter Bre Maloney

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Junior setter Bre Maloney has helped set the Winona State University’s volleyball team on a path to a possible conference championship and maybe more.

As the Warriors sit at 12-2 on the season, Maloney talked about what persuade her to Winona State.

“I wanted to go to a D-II program because I care about school too, and Winona was a good balance between the two [school and volleyball],” Maloney said. “Winona is also in the most competitive league in division-II sports as nine of our 16 teams are in the top-25 of the nation right now.”

Maloney also touched on the fact that she liked the coaching staff and the drive they had.

After beating No. 19 University of Sioux Falls and No. 8 Southwest Minnesota State University last weekend, reaching number one seems like a very good possibility.

So, what does a typical day look like for Maloney and other volleyball players at Winona State?

“I wake up and go right to class. I have class up until 2 p.m. and if I have any breaks I’ll be at the

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- Bre Maloney

library,” Maloney said. “With extra reps and lifting, I have volleyball from about 2:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., then after that I go home and make dinner quick before I spend the rest of my night back at the library.”

With four hours a day dedicated

to practicing, Maloney had to know the art of the set assist. Especially since she has the record for all time set assist in a single set, match, season and career back in high school in Roseville.

“It’s a lot of repetition, you want to have soft hands, but it doesn’t

really matter how you set it,” Maloney said. “The main thing is tricking the block on the other side. So, trying to be a tricky setter and knowing who to set it to is more important than the actual set.”

Maloney said she usually picks where the set is going based on the pass and where the defensive players are on the court, which she notices through her peripherals.

Maloney also has talents off the volleyball court.

“I can touch my tongue to my nose,” Maloney said.

Although Maloney can touch her tongue to her nose, she is unable to reach her elbow.

Right now, Maloney is a junior at Winona State, but if she could do anything in the world, she would fly a plane, a strange wish being that her biggest fear is heights. More specifically heights where the platform is unstable, so a hot air balloon is a big no.

Keep up with Maloney and the rest of the volleyball team this Friday and Saturday as they take on No. 15 Wayne State and Augustana University here in McCown Gymnasium.

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Football

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Anderson who led the Warriors with a career-high 101 yards and a touchdown.

Following the game, Anderson said he felt very good about his chemistry with Burke.

“I felt very comfortable playing out there, and Owen and I were on the same page on things and just wanted to take advantage of what the defense was giving us in some tough playing conditions,” Anderson said.

After a disappointing game last week, Burke stepped up by only turning over the ball once and throwing for over 200 yards and two touchdowns.

Burke felt positive about team morale after the first road win of the year.

“It was definitely a morale boost to win in the harsh conditions, it was a full team effort and a full team win” Burke, added.

The Warriors will return home for homecoming Saturday against Minot State.

It has been two years since the two have met with Winona State coming out on top in their last meeting, 47-7.

Kickoff will at 2 p.m. Oct. 12.

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